GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:470
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2005
AIR STATIONS IN BORDER AREAS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AIR staions functioning in border areas of Rajasthan, Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) whether the Government is aware that services of the AIR stations in the border areas of these States are not being utilized to their full capacity;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is acute shortage of staff in AIR stations located in border areas;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 470 FOR ANSWER ON 28.04.2005

(a) to (f) : Prasar Bharati has informed that currently, following thirteen AIR stations are functioning in the border areas of Rajasthan, Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir :-

Rajasthan

1. Barmer

2. Bikaner

3. Jodhpur

4. Jaisalmer

5. Suratgarh

Punjab

6. Jalandhar

Jammu & Kashmir

7. Jammu

8. Kathua

9. Kupwara
10. Naushera
11. Poonch
12. Rajouri
13. Srinagar

Except for five AIR stations namely Jaisalmer, Kupwara, Naushera, poonch and Rajouri which are not operating at full capacity due to paucity of staff, all other AIR stations in border areas are operational at full capacity.